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1. The Kanto Restoration Movement Council ("Kanto Denshō Kyōgikai"), an organization which combines rightist groups in the Kanto area, includes the following former army and navy officers among its members:
KANAYA Tadashi (3305/1253/3973) - former lieutenant general¹
IMAMURA Jiro (4410/3279/33/3303) - former army captain
KOBAYASHI Seisuke (1-23/3631/166/3003/6233) - former vice admiral³
MASAKI Etsushi (4476/363/632/4949) - former rear admiral⁴
SABAE Shigenobu (3661/1028/236/6002) - former lieutenant general⁵
NAKAI Takeji (6735/623/773/1/0049) - former lieutenant general⁶
NISHIMURA Motonari (3298/6704/3236) - former lieutenant general⁷
2. The above-named individuals were formerly associated with the Imperial Way Party (Kodo Hk). They strongly favor rearmament on the theory that the national policy should be based on rearmament, and they are extremely critical of the present Government's program of gradual rearmament.

1. Field Report. According to another Japanese Government document, the Kanto Denshō Kyōgikai in Kanto District, which is roughly equivalent to the Tokyo-Tchukio area, was founded 28 July 1953 in Tokyo, and is headed by **MINAMI Takeo** (0003/001/0367) of "3-15" Incident fame.

Washington Report. According to **Kyodo**, Tokyo, 28 July 1953, some 200 members of various nationalist bodies in Japan met 27 July 1953 in an effort toward the formation of a united front in Japan, and decided to set up a "Kanto district council for a restoration movement." Representatives came from the seven Kanto prefectures centering around Tokyo, and the three adjoining prefectures of Kanagawa, Nagoya, and Shiga. Among them were such leading rightist leaders as **IMAMURA Jiro**, **MINAMI Takeo**, and **SAGUCHI Tomo**. The council selected its delegates to the proposed preparatory committee for establishment of a national organization for a "national salvation" movement.

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On 22 September 1953 Kyodo reported that the preparatory committee of the National Salvation Movement Council met on that date in Osaka to propose for the amalgamation of leading ultranationalist groups in Japan, which meeting was attended by INUIE Misao, OKAWA Shumei, MIKAMI Kenichiro, MIKI Taku, and SAGAMI (sic) Tameo from the Kinki District. The policy of the Council, according to Kyodo, is anti-Constitution, pro-self defense, pro-establishment of a peaceful Asian co-prosperity sphere. At the meeting, the preparatory committee released a statement stressing that "for attainment of the Fatherland's complete independence, there will be no alternative but to organise unification of our national salvation common fronts." According to Kyodo, the inaugural meeting of the Council is to be held in the spring of 1954.

On 2 October 1953 Tokyo Michinichi announced that the National Salvation Movement Council had appointed five councillors: WACHI Takaji, WATANABE Motaro, TANAKA Shinichi, HANAYA Tadashi (all former lieutenant generals) and KOBAYASHI Saemaburo (former admiral).

Field Comments

2. HANAYA was stationed in China during the war, and has been active in the Sakurada Kai (see SC-59912).
3. KOBAYASHI was at one time Vice Minister of the Navy; he has been reported as one of Prime Minister YOSHIDA's top advisors on naval affairs, and as connected with rightist activities.
4. WAZAKI was an unsuccessful candidate for the House of Representatives in the April 1953 elections.
5. TANAKA was Chief of Staff of the Japanese Forces in Burma at the end of World War II. His advocacy of rearmament was reported in SC-81631, and other activities in connection with the Ishin Undo Kyogikai in CS-25684.
6. WACHI has been extremely active in rightist circles, particularly those of a pan-Asian nature.
7. WATANABE, a member of the Continental Problems Research Institute (Taishoku Mondai Kenkyusho) of DOI Akio, is known as a promoter of rearmament.
8. The Kodo Ka was not a formal organization, but one of the grand divisions of Japanese rightists in pre-war days, standing for the purely nationalist faction, as opposed to the national socialist (fascist) or pan-Asian factions. It would appear that WACHI, for one, was more in the last-named group than in the Kodo Ka.

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